# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



# **ENFORCEMENT BUREAU**

Northeast Region

#### Columbia Office

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September 16, 2014

Mickey Scroggins Locust Grove, Virginia

#### NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-FIELDNER-14-00017100 Document Number: W201432340001

The Columbia Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 107.1 MHz was allegedly operating near Fredericksburg, Virginia. On September 8, 2014, an agent from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 107.1 MHz were emanating from your business, The Log Cabin Market, 35058 Germanna Heights Drive, Locust Grove, VA. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station on 107.1 MHz at this location in Locust Grove, VA.

Radio stations must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 et seq. The field strength of the signal on frequency 107.1 MHz exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 microvolts per meter ( $\mu V/m$ ) at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station is operating in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 301.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, in rem arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (see 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510).

## UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Salomon Satche District Director Columbia Office

### Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet", March 2005